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In re Application of:

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| Application No.: | 10/667,656 | Examiner: | F. Stinson |
| Filing Date: | September 23, 2003 | Art Unit: | 1746 |
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Final Official Action mailed February 23, 2006 in the above application.

In view of the following remarks, submitted under 37 C.F.R. 116, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

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